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Case No. 9281/3943

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In re Application of:

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Serial No: 09/834,085

Examiner: Klimowicz, W.J.

Filed: April 12, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2652

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
COMPRISING SION FILM AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD
TRANSFER

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

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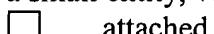
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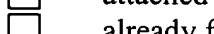
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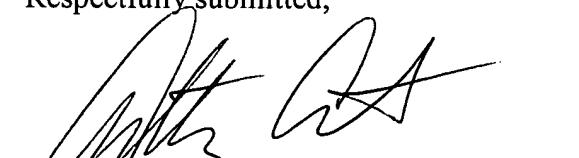
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 - An Information Disclosure Statement
 - An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
 - New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
 - Other: Copy of Amendment Filed November 24, 2003.
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Respectfully submitted,

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